

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-10 have been amended. No new matter has been presented and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing amended claims are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 are rejected.

Claims 1-10 are pending under consideration.

ITEM 1: OBJECTIONS TO CLAIMS 3-7 UNDER 37 CFR 1.75(c)

These claims were commonly rejected on the basis they do not "further limit the fuel cell structure."

Original claim 1 admittedly was directed to a "fuel cell". By the foregoing amendments, the claim 1 preamble has been amended to recite a "fuel cell electricity generator...", and, in accordance with which, it is submitted that the recitations of claims 3-7 are appropriate as further limiting amended claim 1. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

ITEM 3: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-10 FOR ANTICIPATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b) BY GOODENOUGH ET AL. (U.S. PATENT 6,004,688)

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is submitted that claims 1-10 patentably distinguish over Goodenough. In Goodenough, the cell is placed in a vertical furnace while air is supplied to the cathode and water-moistened hydrogen is fed to the anode to generate electricity (see col. 3, lines 45-52). In Goodenough, a sealing structure is a very important factor while, on the other hand, Goodenough does not employ a flame for the generation of electricity, as in the present invention and as defined in the pending claims.

According to the present invention, a flame is used and the anode is disposed on the flame side. Thus, according to the present invention, heating means, such as a furnace, and a sealing structure as in Goodenough are not necessary. Thus, the present invention as defined by the amended claims patentably distinguishes over Goodenough and the rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.


If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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